



TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 28, 1902.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION was thought to be comprised of the ablest men in the Commonwealth. It may be so, but its action—rather its non-action—has not shown it. After long debate and apparently the most careful consideration by committees and the whole body, a point is apparently settled, but, in a few days, it is reconsidered and settled another way, and then unsettled again. This, to people of but ordinary intelligence seems like mere child's play and the consequence is that the convention has lost the confidence of the people to such an extent that it is thought by some of its own members that no constitution it can make will be ratified by the people. Many persons thought that a convention was unnecessary and others voted against calling it, or did not vote at all, and their convictions on that subject have been greatly strengthened by the result. It is said, however, that a constitution framed to suit the notions of a majority of the convention regardless of a majority of the people will be proclaimed. We cannot say that this would be in direct violation of law, but we do say that the people did not intend that such a thing should be done and that to do it would cause a wave of popular indignation the like of which has not been seen in Virginia since the abolition of its government by federal authority. A democratic State convention assured the people that it would be referred to them, and the General Assembly, while not perhaps directly requiring a referendum, gave no authority for a proclamation. The politicians who are advocating it should take warning. A much less serious mistake about twenty years ago resulted in the turning over of the Commonwealth for several years to grossly incompetent hands, and if the pledge of the democratic party is broken and the republicans make a strong effort, there will be very many democrats who will either vote for their candidates or stay at home on election day and permit them to win. The action of the people of Winchester in mass meeting is but the first, thunder of the rising storm; proclamation may cause its thunderbolts to strike the democratic party and destroy its supremacy in Virginia—perhaps forever.

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS are about to be introduced in Shanghai, China. A line is also shortly to be constructed in the land of the Arabian Nights, preparations for which are now being made in Baghdad. The Chinaman fought these innovations for a long time, arguing that with their advent millions of people who operate in sedan chairs and as many more who pull wagons as beasts of burden would be thrown out of a livelihood. These horses will doubtless find other employment, as the services of many will be required to build and operate the roads. In the land of the caliph the camel will eventually give way to steam and electricity, when the sleepy cities which were the scenes of the adventures of Haroun-al-Raschid and his vizier will become animated with modern life. There is a description in one of the minor prophets of the Old Testament which some imagine foretells the advent of the electric car when it tells of vehicles "jostling against each other and running as the lightning."

AMONG THE infestations the United States has brought upon itself by its greed for territorial acquisitions are new breeds of rats and cockroaches. A transport which recently arrived in New York from the Philippines swarmed with these rodents and insects. Some of the rats measure two feet in length, and the cockroaches are said to be of a very aggressive variety. When this country was discovered no rats or roaches were found on the continent. Black rats were introduced from England, having been brought here in ships. Later the present species came here in Norwegian ships and exterminated the blacks. Now a fiercer species is probably destined to take the place of those which infect houses. Roaches came here in ships from the Levant.

THE Washington Board of Trade has very sensibly decided not to guarantee funds for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic at the National Encampment which it was proposed to hold in that city next October. The requirements of the G. A. R. were so extravagant that the Washingtonians were staggered. Some of the requirements were, that Washington should raise a sum of \$75,000 for the entertainment of the members of the organization; that the officers should be furnished free with luxurious quarters at the best hotels; that carriages should be furnished the officers during their stay; that the city should be properly decorated, stands erected, a hall furnished for the meeting, etc.—all at the expense of the citizens. The G. A. R. are determined to lose nothing by failing to ask for it.

REPRESENTATIVE RYAN, of Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday introduced a bill changing the pension laws so that all veterans of the civil war now living who have reached the age of sixty will receive a pension of \$5 a month.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A panic was caused in the Chicago market yesterday by a raid on oats. Doubt is expressed as to whether President Roosevelt will accept a present from the Kaiser.

Mrs. Martha B. Stonestreet, wife of Dr. E. E. Stonestreet, died in Rockville, Md., on Sunday, aged 69 years.

The condition of southern negroes is cited in the Danish West Indies as an argument against annexation to the United States.

The Pope has appointed Very Rev. Dr. P. J. Garrigan Bishop of Sioux City and Very Rev. Wm. J. Keeney Bishop of St. Augustine.

Howard Ratcliffe assaulted his sister's escort, Joseph Cox, in a church at Eagle Mills, Ohio, yesterday. Cox drew a pistol, shot and killed him.

Senator Penrose yesterday introduced a bill providing for a national art gallery to be instituted in the District, and for the erection of a building for the gallery at a cost of \$500,000.

The Empress's birthday present to the Emperor was a model of her left hand, executed in marble by Professor Bagas. The only ornament on the hand is a wedding ring.

Secretary Long has aroused the ire of naval officers by declaring his purpose to receive the German Admiral Tirpitz in the government offices instead of giving him an elaborate reception.

The board of trustees of the Carnegie Institute has, it is believed, decided to elect Prof. D. C. Gilman president of the institution at the meeting to be held on Wednesday to perfect an organization.

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Miss Sybil Sanderson, in explaining the reason for breaking her engagement to marry Count de Fitz James, says it was due to religious obstacles, as the Count is a Roman Catholic and was divorced two years ago.

Divorced eight times, and all her husbands living in Anderson, Ind., Mrs. Bellina Arms, aged thirty-five, was married Sunday night to the ninth husband, Noah Hoop, aged thirty years, of Elwood, Mrs. Arms asked that the ceremony be out short. She said she did not want any frills or trimmings.

None of Mrs. Arms's husbands contested her divorce proceedings.

"Let them go to the devil, and take care of themselves, as far as the American people are concerned," said Senator Money in the Senate yesterday, near the end of a long and acrimonious debate for which the Philippine Islands furnished the cause. Mr. Money's remark, made in heartfelt tones, was in answer to a question of Senator Hale as to what he would do with our Oriental possessions.

In the Maryland House last night, Mr. Dallam, of Prince George county, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company, authorizing that company to construct and operate one or more branches from any point or points in the State to and into the District of Columbia. The object of the bill is to enable the Baltimore and Potomac Company to construct a branch line into Washington, and thence to the proposed union station.

Hon. Arthur Poe Gorman was yesterday officially notified by committee of the Senate and House of Delegates of the Maryland legislature of his election to the United States Senate. A unique feature was the presence of several republican senators and delegates, who were members of the committee. The notification took place in a private dining room at the Hotel Bennett, in Baltimore, with the pleasant accompaniment of a delicious banquet and the strains of sweet music.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The President yesterday appointed the following postmasters in Virginia: Charles Alexander, Boydton; Charles H. Bevercomb, Covington; William G. Young, Tazewell.

Mr. A. Cole Blanton, one of the best known riders in Virginia, had his arm shot off yesterday morning by the accidental discharge of a gun he was handling in his room in Richmond.

The old Randolph gold mining property in Spottsylvania county was offered for sale in Fredericksburg at public auction yesterday, but as only \$350 was offered, the property was withdrawn. This property has been in litigation for nearly fifty years.

Dr. Leachlan Tyler, son of John Tyler, tenth President of the United States, and brother of the president of William and Mary College, died in New York yesterday from appendicitis. Dr. Tyler, who was fifty years old, had been connected with the department of health in New York for several years. The interment will be at Richmond.

THE EXPLOSION IN NEW YORK.—The entire section of Park avenue, near the Grand Union station, New York, was shaken as if by an earthquake by the explosion in the Rapid Transit tunnel at Park avenue and East Forty-first street, an account of which was published in the Gazette. J. Roderick Robertson, a wealthy British Columbia mine owner, was killed in his hotel room. Five persons were killed and more than 100 injured. The Murray Hill Hotel was wrecked, and the Grand Union Hotel and many other buildings were seriously damaged. All the windows for many blocks were shattered.

The clocks in the Union Depot were blown from their cases and all the windows in the building were shattered.

The property damage is estimated at about \$1,000,000. Officials are investigating the cause of the explosion, which is not yet explained, and three of the workmen in charge of the tunnel excavation at that point have been arrested on the charge of homicide.

PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL.—The District of Columbia Commissioners yesterday sent to the committees of the District in both houses of Congress copies of a bill to transform the inner basin of the Potomac Flats into a swimming pool. The bill proposed creating an appropriation of \$17,000 to cover the cost, one-half of which is to be paid by the United States government. The Commissioners strongly urge the enactment of the proposed law.

W. R. Trigg, the Richmond, Va., ship-builder, who was near death last week by the bursting of a small blood vessel, has escaped pain and is slowly recovering.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Constitutional Convention yesterday had a long discussion over the control of the bonds held by the State institutions, and extended the session 15 minutes in order to dispose of the school report. An amendment by Mr. Withers, to leave the control of the bonds to the legislature, was then adopted and referred to the committee on education and sent to the committee on final revision.

Mr. Stuart, chairman of the committee on agriculture, submitted his report. Radical changes in the department of agriculture are proposed. The report recommends that the board shall be composed of a member from each congressional district and the president and director of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg shall be ex-officio members. The members of the board of the report provides, are to hold office for four years and are to have the selection of the Commissioner of Agriculture and all of his subordinates. The Commissioner is now appointed by the Governor and appoints all of his assistants with the approval of the board.

Section 2 provides that license, tax, or charge of any kind whatever shall be assessed against or collected of any producer of farm products for the right to sell in any part of the State the products which he has raised. Section 3 provides that counties, cities, and towns shall have the power to exempt from local taxation, for a period of not more than five years, manufacturing enterprises to be established therein; provided there is no other enterprise of a like nature already established in such county, city, or town that is not exempt from local taxation.

The only other report to be made is that on finance and taxation, which is about complete. It will probably be submitted today making the last one to come in.

The larger corporations of the State are expected to make a great fight against the Buxton plan for supervising their operations, which will shortly come up in the constitutional convention. Prominent railroad officials are in Richmond, and it is quite likely others will be on hand before the measure is acted upon.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY TRAIN ROBBED.—A carefully planned and audacious express robbery took place about 7 o'clock last night on the Southern Railway when the passenger train from Charleston to Augusta reached nearly the exact site of the successful robbery of two years ago, five miles from Branchville, S. C. Seven or eight men were riding on the platform between the engine and baggage car, concealed by the darkness. None was masked.

At the fifty-five-mile board two men crawled over the tender and baggage car, and the engineer, John Reynolds, with Winchester. The first two shot, one ball passing through Reynolds' hip. Francis Cobb escaped by jumping off. Conductor Black, who ran out, was also covered and ordered back.

By order of these men, a brakeman uncoupled the express, mail and baggage cars, which were taken to Fifty-eight station, leaving the rest of the cars on the main line. Here several shots were fired into the express car, and one man climbed up, covered Express Messenger Hall with a Winchester, and compelled him to open the door. Three men entered the car and stripped the local safe.

After threatening Hall with instant death if he did not open the through safe, and finding he knew nothing of the combination, the safe was rolled out on the platform. Then the engineer was ordered to return with the baggage car to the train, and he obeyed, bringing the train with no further incidents to Branchville.

Nothing was seen of the men or the safe on passing Fifty-eight. There was only a small amount of booty in the local safe, and no one here knows the contents of the through safe. No mail or baggage was touched and no passengers were molested. The robbers disarmed the only employees who were armed and resistance was out of the question. No measures have so far been made to follow the robbers, but it is supposed that bloodhounds will be put on their track.

The leader is supposed to be Barton Warren, Warren was arrested charged with having single-handedly robbed the Southern Express car, just below Branchville, in the fall of 1899.

THE COMMONER EXCLUDED.—The Postoffice Department has excluded a part of the issue of William Jennings Bryan's Commoner from the privileges of second-class mail rates. The department holds that, while Mr. Bryan may not be advertising an article, he is advertising a "theory" or "doctrine," which, it is held, makes him equally amenable to the law as if it were merchandise he was advertising by the free distribution of copies of his paper.

Mr. Bryan sent a circular letter to Senators and Representatives last week, asking them to subscribe to the Commoner, explaining he would forward the publication to them free. This fact was recently called to the attention of the postal authorities by publishers who have suffered from the strict application of the rules defining second class mail matter. Investigation by the department confirmed the report that a portion of the issue of Mr. Bryan's paper was being circulated free among members of Congress. A letter has been sent to Mr. Bryan by the department notifying him he will have to stamp all papers sent free to Congressmen or others.

It is in this communication that the department takes the position that, while free copies of the Commoner may not be distributed for the purpose of advertising goods, the fact that Mr. Bryan is using free distribution, it is claimed for the purpose of advertising certain "doctrines" brings that portion of the issue within the rules applicable to second-class mail matter.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.
London, Jan. 28.—General Lord Kitchener today reports that a party of Boers recently outflanked the yeomanry patrol near Beleted. The British loss was 8 killed, five wounded, and 41 captured.

Vienna, Jan. 28.—The sensational gambling episode at the Jockey Club on December 21, last, in which \$500,000 changed hands, at one sitting, is likely to cause the resignation of Count Goluchowski, Minister of Foreign Affairs. It is announced today that Emperor Franz Josef will ask the Foreign Minister to resign because he watched the gambling, and did not try to stop illegal playing.

Dover, Eng., Jan. 28.—The trawler Heron sank during a gale off here today. Eleven persons were drowned and but one man was saved.

Rome, Jan. 28.—The Right Rev. John M. Farley, auxiliary bishop of the diocese of New York, was suffering from a severe cold when he went to the audience with the Pope yesterday. When the bishop returned to the American college, he was compelled to go to bed. He is in a feverish condition.

Rome, Jan. 28.—Propositions have been made to the Pope for the creation of the following new dioceses. Pongu keepie, Worcester, New Haven, Des Moines and Toledo.

London, Jan. 28.—The will of the Devonshire millionaire Arbington, was probated today. By the will \$800,000 are given for the establishment of mission stations in Central Africa, and for the translation of the bible into the negro language.

Windsor, Eng., Jan. 28.—Queen Alexandra again indisposed and King Edward has accordingly postponed his journey to London.

London, Jan. 28.—A supplementary estimate for additional expenditures for the carrying on of the South African war, till March 31, and which amounts to \$2,500,000, has been issued. This brings the total army estimates for the year to \$464,575,000.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—The Prince of Wales has been here for several days. The celebration of the Kaiser's birthday left for home today. The Kaiser accompanied him to the railway station and, in bidding him farewell, kissed him on both cheeks.

Paris, Jan. 28.—The cabinet, at a secret session, refused the request of six hundred out of 1,000 associations who have applied for authorization under the new law of associations. Should the action be ratified by the cabinet it will cause an exodus of religious bodies similar to that of last October when the new law went into effect.

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—A Mohammedan priest at Durazzo, Albania, recently killed a neighboring Christian priest, because the latter rang the church bell during Mohammedan prayers. Russian troops had been up and complained to the Sultan, who punished the offending priest by transferring him to another mosque.

London, Jan. 28.—Arthur Balfour, the government leader, replying to a question by Henry Labouchere in the House of Commons today said that no overtures for peace in South Africa had been received from any one authorized to speak in behalf of the Boers. A communication, however, headed, had been received from the Dutch Government late on Saturday night, and was now under consideration. The statement caused the greatest excitement among the stock brokers.

Suicide of a Prominent Lawyer.
Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—Henry Manne said to be a prominent New York lawyer, killed himself yesterday in his home at the Hotel Waverly by drinking the contents of a small bottle of carbolic acid. The case was not reported until this morning. Sunday night the New York arrived at the hotel yesterday baggage of any sort. Live yesterday jait-runners the chambermaid endeavored to enter Manne's room in order to make the bed. Unable to gain admittance and thinking that the occupant of the room was a late sleeper, she went about her other duties and it was well into the evening before she returned. There being no response to her knock, she notified the clerk. A bell boy was lifted up to the transom and he managed to get through into the room. Manne was found on the bed dead. An empty phial labelled "carbolic acid" lay the story of his suicide. Manne left no letters or papers tending to throw light upon his motive for self destruction.

The Tunnel Explosion.
New York, Jan. 28.—Contradictory statements are made today as to the quantity of dynamite that exploded and caused such havoc in the Murray Hill district Monday afternoon. Sixty-two pounds of the explosive are permitted by law to be kept on hand in one place. It would appear as if the contractors had ignored this law, and had stored at this particular point many times that amount of the deadly stuff. It is feared that similar quantities of dynamite may be stored all along the line of the line of the rapid transit tunnel and that other disasters are likely. The financial loss is estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Probably \$500,000 is a conservative guess. There was no increase in the death list overnight. Three men were killed outright, and two died in hospital. The injured are reported as doing well this morning. Rough several are in a serious condition.

Admiral Schley.
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Admiral and Mrs. Schley left here this morning for Louisville. Save a slight lameness of his right hand and arm, he was in good condition for another round of banquets, receptions, and the attendant handshaking. The Admiral telegraphed to Indianapolis that he will gladly meet reception committees and the public during his brief stay in that city. The telegram was in response to an inquiry made by the city officials. Preparations were also made for the reception of crowds at stations along the route.

The Devil in Disguise.
Saskatoon, Jan. 28.—The 300 residents of Pleasant Hill, a southern suburb, are in a state of wild excitement. The village for several nights has been haunted. The strange visitor who has been seen is described as having a long tail, long neck and head, huge eyes, and four legs. Many think it is the devil in disguise. A woman Whittaker, a reliable backman, got within a few feet of his ghostship and fired three shots. Instead of dropping dead the stranger flung away as if by magic, carrying a bundle of cases. Joseph Goodman, a colored preacher has been up and often than any one else by the "critter." Organized bands with lanterns and firearms have been called on more than one occasion. There is no liquor sold in the village.

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DIED.
In New York city January 27, suddenly of pneumonia, CLIFFORD HEWITT SMITH. His funeral will take place at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Francis L. Smith, on Wednesday, January 29, at 3 p. m. Friends invited to be present at services. Interment private.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Nice, Jan. 28.—M. Santos Dumont, the aeronaut, today made a successful ascension in his new airship. The ship answered Dumont's highest expectations. The ascension today took place at Monte Carlo. The aeronaut sailed his airship some distance out over the Mediterranean and returned.

This was the first attempt ever made over the sea in a navigable balloon, and was most successful. The aeronaut made an easy start and headed his airship over the bay. He manoeuvred at a height of 45 yards. In the light airs, which were blowing, the balloon speeded along at a rate of 15 miles an hour. The aeronaut sailed about the bay twice and finally landed at 11:30. The landing was made with some difficulty owing to a wall which was in the ship's way. Santos Dumont said he was well satisfied with the trial. The trial attracted much attention and large crowds watched the balloon's manoeuvres.

Railroad Wreck.
Oneida N. Y., Jan. 28.—A disastrous wreck occurred here at 10 o'clock this morning on the Mohawk division of the New York Central road. The New York and New England express, while going east on track No. 1, collided with a switch engine which was coming off the siding just west of the depot. The crash resulted in the death of Dorsey Walsh, of Albany, engineer of the express train and the injury of several others. The express was nearly three hours late and was making up time. The force of the collision threw the switch engine into the west end of the railroad station, demolishing the building. Many persons who were in the waiting room fled for their lives. The passengers on the express train received only slight injuries. The cause of the wreck is believed to have been due to the mismanagement of signals.

Country Life in America for February is an enlarged number of this beautiful magazine of the world of to-day, representing the new expansion of American life to the country. "In Garb of White," the frontispiece, is a remarkable picture of a New England woods road in winter. Among the leading features are "Siberia Cattle," the summer home of Andrew Carnegie in the Scotch Highlands; "A Sniff at Old Garden," by J. P. Mowbray, and "Cuckoo," an illustrated poem of the woods, by John Burroughs. Other articles and picture stories touch upon every side of country life.

The Century Magazine for February, the mid-winter number, has been received from its publishers in New York. Among the contents are: "In the Country's Year of American Humor," "The Department of the People," "Four Negro Songs, The Don't Harry Club, An Irish Harp, The Book Agent, Chicago's Great River-Harbor, The Salon of the Princess Mathilde, The Old Santa Fe Trail, A Visit to Mount Vernon, a Century Ago, Desert Romance, Barbarosa, Characteristic Glimpses of Lincoln, White City and Capital City, The Improvement of Washington City, etc.

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